

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOVEMBER 5, 2015
MEETING MINUTES**

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Richard Hughes. Also in attendance were Vice Chairman George Wessner, Jr., Member Robb Werley, Engineer Christopher Noll, Solicitor Charles Waters and Administrator Brian Carl.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Robb Werley moved, seconded by Buddy Wessner, to approve the October 1, 2015 minutes as written. Motion carried. Richard Hughes moved, seconded by Robb Werley, to pay the monthly bills as submitted. Motion carried.

Richard Hughes stated an executive session was held October 2, 2015 to discuss employment issues.

RONALD BOGERT-Minor-2 Lots-Sketch Plan Dated 9/14/15 (2944 Edgewood Ct)
Dean Zimmerman with Beitler Surveying was present and explained the proposal. Richard Hughes moved, seconded by Robb Werley to accept the plan for review. Motion carried. The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission letter dated November 2, 2015 was received. Richard Hughes moved, seconded by Robb Werley, to approve the Sketch Plan and proceed to the Final Plan. Motion carried.

LILLIAN RUPP ESTATE-Major-2 Lots-Sketch Plan Dated 9/23/15 (7816 Claussville Rd)
Dean Zimmerman with Beitler Surveying was present and explained the proposal. Robb Werley moved, seconded by Richard Hughes, to accept the plan for review. Motion carried. Richard Hughes moved, seconded by Robb Werley, to approve the Sketch Plan and proceed to the Preliminary Plan. Motion carried.

COTTAGE GATES-Major-Revised Lot Line Final Plan Dated 6/21/12 (3096 Weidasville Rd)
Mark Leuthe and David Lear with Lehigh Engineering were present and explained the proposal. Richard Hughes moved, seconded by George Wessner, Jr. to accept the plan for review. Motion carried. The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission found a discrepancy on the plan regarding the stormwater calculations; a correction needs to be made on the chart. Mr. Leuthe and Mr. Lear are asking for the plans to be signed and wait for Lehigh Valley Planning Commission approval before the Township releases the plans for recording. The sheet with the title block is correct. Richard Hughes moved, seconded by Robb Werley, to conditionally approve the plan contingent upon Lehigh Valley Planning Commission approval, and confirmation from Brian Carl & Chris Noll that the stormwater calculation corrections have been made prior to release of the plan. Motion carried. The applicant presented a check for \$5,900.00 for the recreation fees. The recreation fee was only \$5,600.00 however Mark stated that since the check was already

printed, he wished to donate the additional \$300.00 towards the recreation fund. A letter of credit was received from the bank. The Subdivision and Maintenance Improvements Agreement was signed, and the plans were signed.

Attorney Waters attended the Upper Macungie Authority meeting and received an e-mail from the LCA Solicitor, the Authority had some questions they wanted to work out with LCA, and he is not sure what their concerns are. The turnover of the sewer will most likely be effective the beginning of the year.

Tim Metzger was present to explain his concern with the drainage on Hollenbach Road. Chris Noll spoke with Kevin Huber from Heidelberg Township. Heidelberg was going to trim the weeds at the outlet side of the pipe and clear the swale at the inlet side. Chris also contacted Mr. Badesso regarding the roadside swale. There is some erosion, but most of the debris is going into the culvert. The water bar should be larger in size. A berm should be created at the water bar. Chris will discuss this further with Mr. Badesso. The property owner will have to monitor the situation in the future. Tim Metzger stated he has plans to do some regrading next year to help the situation on his side of the road.

Brian Carl spoke with Rick Molchaney, Director of General Services with Lehigh County. Residents complained to Brian about Bittners Corner Bridge. The contractor closed the bridge without notifying Lehigh County. The bridge will be replaced tentatively next summer. An informational seminar will be held in the spring regarding this, and Brian will have more information in the future. An updated was provided on LCA's existing EPA Administrative Order. The EPA will extend this until December 2017. The Township will continue to work with LCA and the other municipalities named in the order. Germansville Fire Chief Jay Scheffler requested funding from Lowhill Township to purchase a Knox Box to be mounted inside their truck in order to house the Lowhill Township KNOX Key. Richard Hughes moved, seconded by George Wessner, Jr. to donate up to \$300.00 to cover the cost of the KNOX Box. Motion carried.

Joe Kalusky finished the Narris bridge project, repaired the portion of Narris Road where the bank was washed out. Bridge repair on Bear Bridge and Country Spring. They finished hauling in anti-skid. 100 ton of salt brought in, storm cleanup, dirt road grading, truck repair. November projects include prepping trucks for winter, tree trimming and crack sealing, grading dirt roads, leaf cleanup and line painting.

Clyde Odom from 2226 Overlook Lane thanked the Township for coming out and doing extra sweeping. "It looks better, but still not where it should be." George Wessner Jr. stated the weather is not good right now for doing anything to the road, and that it will be checked again in the spring. Diana Marshall from 2234 Overlook Lane questioned why Lowhill Township can't have a smooth road like Upper Macungie Township. Bill Zoshak from Oakwood Court said loose stone is problem; it will end up in their yards when snow is plowed. Clyde Odom suggested a chip seal with small stone should be done in the spring. The Board explained that the Township

must comply with PennDot standards when it comes to public road maintenance and use of Liquid Fuels Money. Joe Kalusky and George Wessner, Jr. will look at the road in the spring.

Robb Werley received a quote from the architect. The cost to draft final architectural/structural construction plans was \$23,500.00. The bid specs for mechanical, plumbing and electrical were \$3,850.00 for a total of \$27,350.00. Robb Werley moved, seconded by Richard Hughes, to proceed with the final architectural/structural plans for \$23,500.00. Motion carried.

Richard Hughes moved, seconded by George Wessner, Jr. to award the salt bid to Oceanport at \$75.10/ton delivered to Lowhill Township. Motion carried. 250 ton was bid. This is the joint bid for the four Townships.

Richard Hughes moved, seconded by Robb Werley, to approve Leah Landis Junkyard License at 6641 Hollenbach Road. Motion carried.

Richard Hughes moved, seconded by George Wessner, Jr. to approve R.H. Kressley's Garage, Inc. Junkyard License at 2610 Route 100. Motion carried.

Richard Hughes and Robb Werley will be attending the Emergency Management class December 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Weisenberg Fire Company.

Robb Werley moved, seconded by Richard Hughes, to allow the Historical Society to use the Township building the 4th Tuesday of January and March 2016. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy A. Hoffman